

Application No. 10/030,256
Amendment dated September 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated June 23, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Description of amendments

Claims 1-23 are now pending and under examination. Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 14, 17-20, 22 and 23. No new matter has been added.

Interview summary

Applicant's attorney greatly appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Beaulieu during the course of an interview conducted on September 13, 2004.

In the interview, Examiner Beaulieu and Applicant's attorney discussed the reference of record and possible amendments.

Allowed and allowable claims

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner has allowed claims 10-13 and 21-23 and has indicated claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, and 18-20 would be allowable if they are rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 4-7, 14, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Walk (U.S. Patent 5,975,633). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

In accordance with Examiner Beaulieu's suggestions, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 14. As amended, the claims clearly recite features that are not taught by the cited references. For example, the claims each recite the step of predicting desired adaptation at a point on a curved road from stored road

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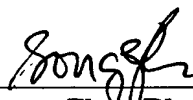
data before the vehicle arrives at the point. The acceleration sensors of Walk can only sense the lateral acceleration at it occurs, and cannot predict the lateral acceleration at a point on a curved road before the vehicle arrives at the point. Additionally, Walk does not disclose the use of stored road data. Therefore, claims 1, 4-7, 14, 15, and 17 are not anticipated by Walk.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #095309.50834US).

Respectfully submitted,

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